Charter for the Joint Dark Energy Mission Interim Science Working Group October 2009

Purpose:

The members of the JDEM Interim Science Working Group (ISWG) will provide the NASA and DOE JDEM Project Offices with scientific assistance during JDEM Pre-Phase A activities.

Membership:

ISWG members will be selected by NASA and DOE Headquarters from the general community. The members will have expertise in dark energy theory, figure of merit forecasting, sky surveys, instrumentation and ancillary science relevant to JDEM. To avoid conflicts of interest, they cannot be members of any Astro2010 panels.

Meetings:

There will be an initial meeting in Washington DC. Subsequent meetings will primarily be teleconferences, with face-to-face meetings occurring only as needed.

Structure:

The ISWG will be chaired by one of the selected community members. The NASA Project Scientist and the DOE Project Manager will be ex officio members of the ISWG.

Termination:

The ISWG will be disbanded at an appropriate time in advance of any competitive process for selecting scientific participation on a possible mission.